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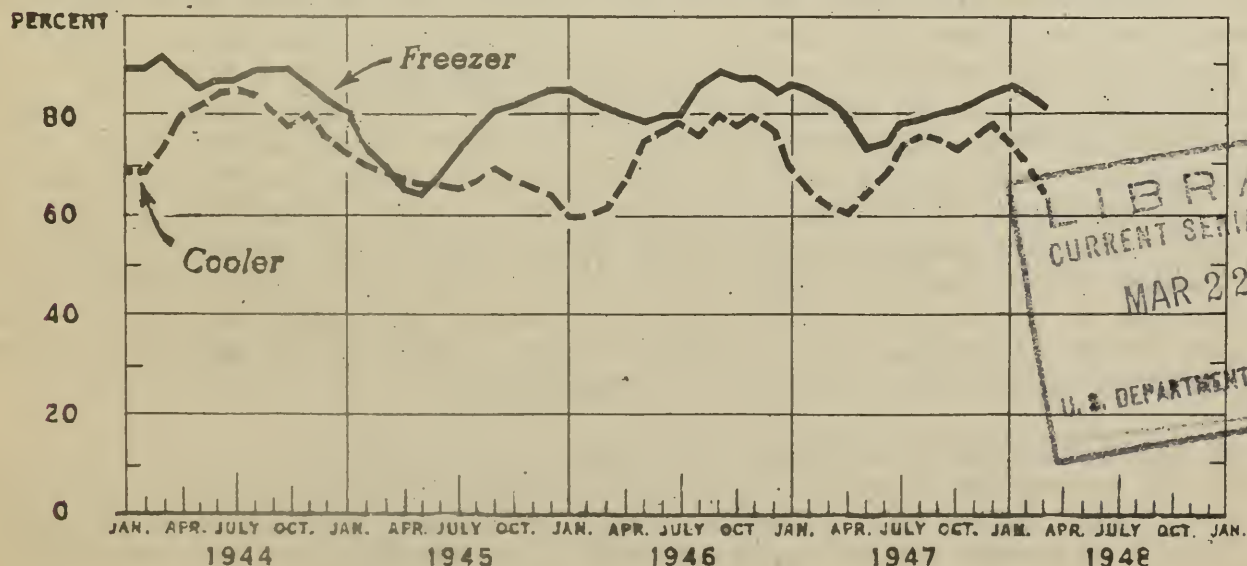
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OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES, 1944-48



Storage occupancy drops during February

The occupancy of both coolers and freezers in public cold storage warehouses declined more than normally during February. Cooler occupancy which on February 1 was 69 percent, on March 1 was 64 percent. Thus the occupancy of public coolers was 1 point below the 5-year average. The February movement of 5 points out of storage was contra-seasonal when contrasted with the normal 1-point increase which occurs during that month. Public freezer occupancy on March 1 was 81 percent--3 points below occupancy on February 1. The February decline in freezer occupancy was also greater than for the 5-year average (1943-47). Freezers, however, were 3 points more nearly filled than for the average March 1. Occupancy in public warehouses on March 1 was at approximately the same level as on the same day a year ago. The use of space in private warehouses and meat-packing plants was approximately the same as on the first of February. The withdrawal of apples during February resulted in a considerable decline in the occupancy of warehouses specializing in the storage of apples. Those houses reported only 45 percent cooler occupancy. The greatest use of freezer space was reported by Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Omaha, Baltimore, and Norfolk which reported occupancies of 93 percent or more. Coolers were more than 80 percent filled in Detroit, St. Louis, Baltimore, Norfolk, and San Francisco.

More than half a billion pounds of food withdrawn from cold storage

More than half a billion pounds of food were withdrawn from cold storage during February, placing total March 1 stocks at 3.8 billion pounds. Over half of the February withdrawals may be accounted for by the out-of-storage movement of apples and pears. Other cooler items withdrawn in significant quantities during the month were dried and evaporated fruits, fish, cheese, dried eggs, and beef. Net into-storage movements of nuts, pork, canned meats, and lard occurred. All freezer items except pork, sausage and lard showed February net out-movements, the heaviest of which occurred in holdings of frozen fruits, vegetables, and poultry. In general, the February movements of all commodities were about normal, as judged by the 1943-47 average movement, with the possible exception of beef which moved contra-seasonally out of store, and shell eggs, the into-storage movement of which was about 600 thousand cases less than average. The increase taking place during February in lard stocks was only about half the normal increase.

Fruit and vegetable stocks decline

While the decline in apple holdings during February was equal to the average February withdrawal, March 1 stocks of fresh apples--17 million bushels--were considerably above average. Pear stocks of 1 million bushels were more than twice the 5-year average stocks on March 1, 1947. On March 1, some 316 million pounds of frozen fruits and 228 million pounds of frozen vegetables were in storage. Thus, 157 million pounds less of these frozen foods were in storage on March 1, 1948 than on March 1, 1947. The net withdrawals of cherries and strawberries accounted for approximately half the decline in frozen fruits, while frozen peas showed the greatest out-movement for frozen vegetable items. About 60 million pounds of potatoes were withdrawn from storage during February, leaving stocks at 141 million pounds, almost three times the quantity stored on the same day in 1947. The slight decline in dried and evaporated fruit stocks was contra-seasonal. About 25 million pounds of onions were withdrawn from storage during February, leaving only 34 million pounds in refrigerated warehouses.

Stocks of dairy and poultry products decline

With the exception of shell eggs which showed a slight increase, all dairy and poultry items showed net declines during February. Cream stocks on March 1 totalled 8 million pounds which was about 6 million pounds less than the 1943-47 average for March 1. The 8 million pounds of butter in storage were at an all-time March 1 low--28 million pounds below average. Cheese in storage totalled 112 million pounds which was about 4 million less than average but some 14 million in excess of holdings of a year ago. Shell egg holdings on March 1 were 382 million cases.

This was a little more than a third of the average stocks for this season. The 120 million pounds of frozen eggs--34 million pounds more than normal--and the 28 million pounds of dried eggs, twice the stocks of a year ago, put March 1 stocks of all eggs (dried, frozen, and shell) at about twice the quantity that is normally stored on March 1. There were 262 million pounds of frozen poultry in store on March 1. This quantity compares with a total of 284 million pounds stored March 1, 1947 and 229 million pounds on the average. Only about half as many turkeys were in storage as on March 1, 1947, but holdings of fowl were considerably in excess of last year's stocks.

Meat and lard stocks increase during February

A total of 1 billion pounds of meats were in cold storage on March 1 compared with March 1 holdings of 736 million pounds in 1947 and 791 million pounds on the average. Beef showed a net out-of-store movement which is contrary to the normal seasonal pattern. The net increase in pork stocks during February was a little above normal. March 1 cold storage inventories of meats were as follows: beef, 168 million pounds; pork, 701 million pounds; other meats, 166 million pounds. The outstanding feature of the meat storage situation on March 1 was that stocks of pork were some 179 million pounds above average and 302 million pounds above stocks of a year ago. The 145 million pounds of lard and rendered pork fat in storage March 1 were about the same as those stored on the average (1943-47).

Ninety-one million pounds of frozen fishery products in storage

Following the seasonal pattern of net withdrawal during February, stocks of frozen fishery products were reduced by 21 million pounds leaving 91 million pounds in store on March 1. Present holdings are about the same as stocks on hand last year, but are almost one-fifth greater than the 1943-47 March stores. Miscellaneous fillets, halibut, salmon, and shrimp were the major species being withdrawn during February. The net withdrawals were equal to the average monthly change but were slightly below the seasonal decrease last year.

Cold storage outlook

It now appears that little difficulty will be encountered in meeting cooler storage requirements this spring and summer. Public cooler occupancy on March 1 was below the 5-year average and the out-of-store movement during February was greater than normal. The storage of shell eggs and lard accounts for the use of the major part of cooler storage space during the summer months. These items, thus far, are not moving into cold storage at the usual rate. Another feature in the storage picture that points to lower cooler occupancies than in recent years is the above-average stocks of fresh apples and pears yet remaining in storage. The withdrawal of these items during the next two months will release considerable cooler space for other commodities.

Freezer space occupancy on March 1 was still above average, but not so much so as in February. Not more than two months remain before the seasonal rise in freezer occupancy begins. The average March-May movement is out of storage by 5 points. A similar movement this year would put freezer occupancy at the seasonal upswing at the third highest level on record. On the basis of past records the major freezer items are all due to show out-of-storage movements for the next couple months.

Data for this report are collected from public, private
and semi-private warehouses, apple houses, and meat-
packing plants. Commodities in space owned or leased
and operated by the armed services are not reported.
All March 1 figures are preliminary.

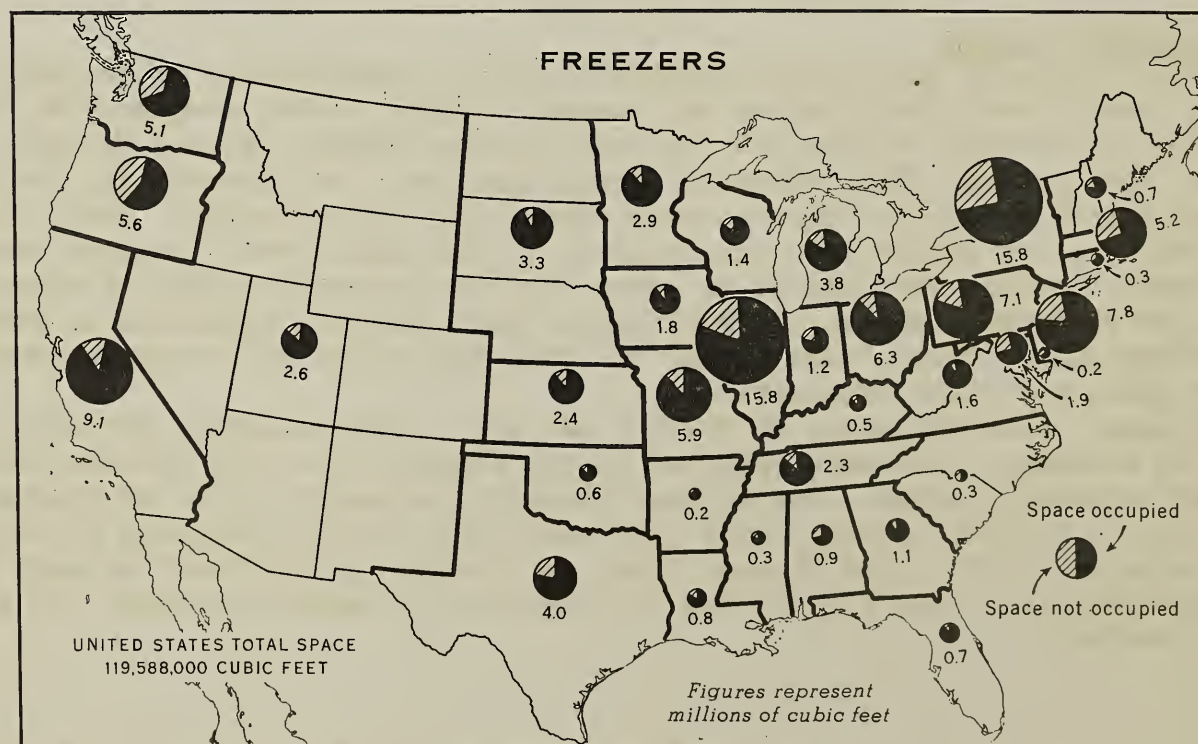


Table 1. — Public cold storage warehouses
(Apple houses excluded)

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied

State or Geographic Region	Net piling space 1/		Percentage of space occupied 2/							
			Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47		Mar. 1, 1947		Feb. 1, 1948		Mar. 1, 1948 3/	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	346	672	76	68	73	74	64	81	64	80
Massachusetts.....	2,548	5,234	60	68	48	78	49	82	48	74
R. I. and Connecticut.....	967	307	55	75	60	78	88	77	87	77
NEW ENGLAND.....	3,861	6,213	58	68	53	77	57	82	53	74
New York.....	25,553	15,818	61	79	56	83	67	82	60	75
New Jersey.....	7,704	7,786	74	85	69	92	77	84	72	80
Pennsylvania.....	9,822	7,077	64	84	65	90	63	88	58	83
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	43,079	30,681	64	81	60	87	68	84	62	79
Ohio.....	7,285	6,262	73	74	71	83	62	91	54	90
Indiana.....	1,433	1,192	67	83	50	86	74	79	67	80
Illinois.....	20,248	15,832	55	74	58	83	73	85	67	82
Michigan.....	4,472	3,763	68	81	69	80	81	88	80	87
Wisconsin.....	4,043	1,433	63	75	62	76	75	83	68	86
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	37,481	28,482	62	78	62	82	72	87	66	85
Minnesota.....	1,338	2,927	57	71	60	58	73	88	62	89
Iowa.....	616	1,750	60	81	80	87	81	89	83	88
Missouri.....	5,227	5,933	68	70	68	81	80	93	70	88
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	758	3,335	78	82	67	89	53	94	54	91
Kansas.....	3,057	2,434	63	75	50	86	69	87	65	88
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	10,996	16,379	65	74	63	79	74	91	67	82
Delaware.....	377	229	60	73	68	54	68	70	69	70
Maryland and D. C.....	2,014	1,854	61	89	30	80	54	82	56	73
Virginia and West Va.....	4,832	1,581	68	83	81	87	71	87	67	94
No. & So. Carolina.....	408	305	62	87	79	90	54	70	45	58
Georgia.....	2,730	1,090	82	88	81	92	70	96	70	93
Florida.....	1,630	721	65	75	66	89	67	96	65	92
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,991	5,780	68	85	69	84	66	86	64	82
Kentucky.....	1,323	510	65	87	67	91	76	90	76	88
Tennessee.....	2,361	2,330	67	75	68	75	76	88	71	88
Alabama.....	545	850	79	77	86	87	71	63	85	73
Mississippi.....	110	347	68	57	62	66	88	93	87	84
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	4,339	4,037	68	76	70	80	76	83	75	85
Arkansas.....	396	249	71	74	58	89	47	88	50	82
Louisiana.....	1,089	792	78	79	84	81	72	88	72	85
Oklahoma.....	1,036	601	57	66	33	89	83	91	75	88
Texas.....	4,553	3,965	69	72	64	84	68	80	65	79
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	7,074	5,607	69	72	63	84	70	83	67	81
MOUNTAIN.....	2,268	2,602	72	91	55	89	70	85	71	85
Washington.....	2,415	5,091	60	70	51	70	60	70	58	66
Oregon.....	2,723	5,607	59	61	71	52	48	65	34	58
California.....	12,793	9,108	68	86	64	88	69	88	68	87
PACIFIC.....	17,931	19,806	64	72	63	74	66	77	63	72
UNITED STATES 4/.....	139,020	119,588	65	78	62	82	69	84	64	81

1/ Space survey of October 1, 1945.

2/ Percentage for the periods covered are comparable.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN PUBLIC
NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED
MARCH 1, 1948

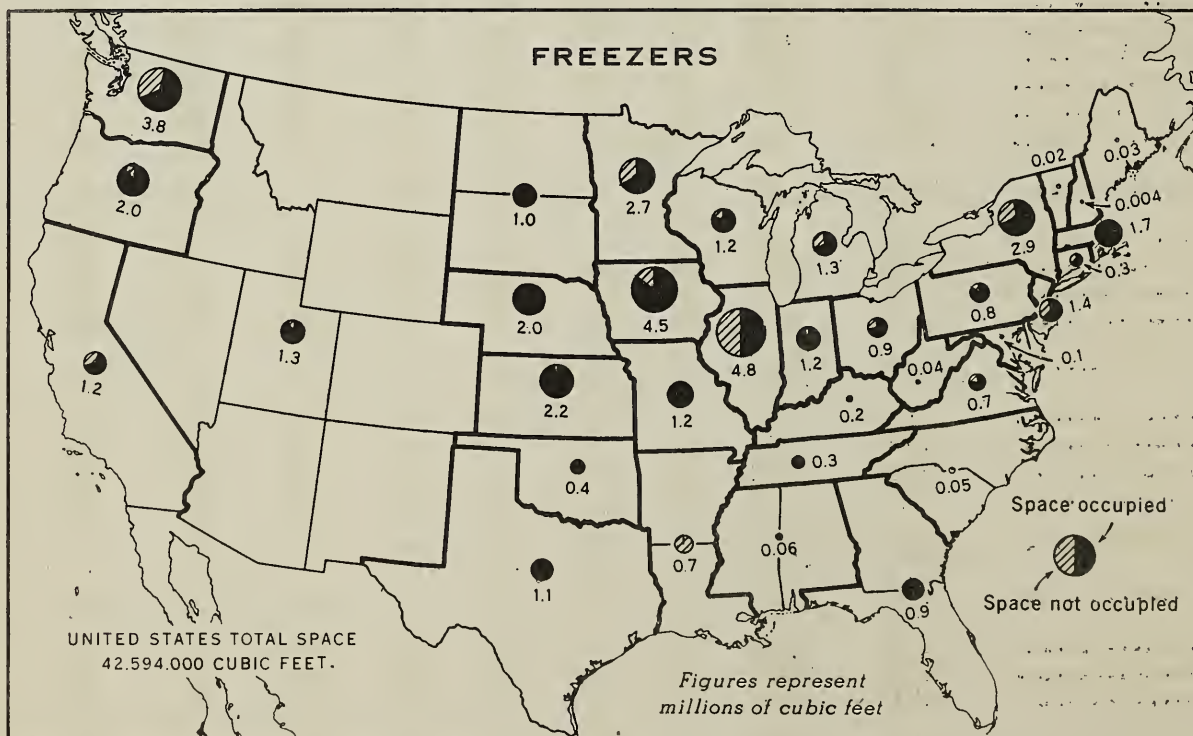
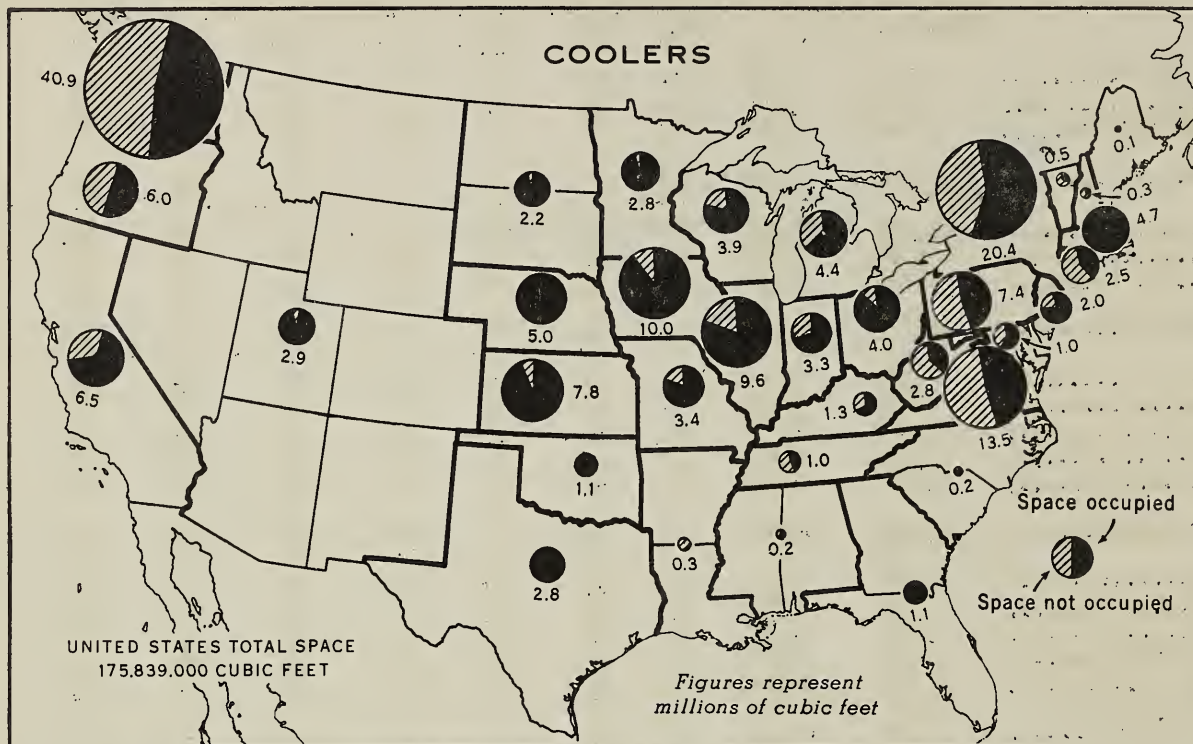


Table 2. — Private, semi-private warehouses and meat-packing plants
(Apple houses excluded)

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied March 1, 1948

State or Geographic Region	Private and semi-private warehouses				Meat-packing establishments			
	Net piling space 1/		Space occupied		Net piling space 1/		Space occupied	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.
NEW ENGLAND.....	492	1,210	41	68	2,168	776	99	97
New York.....	1,774	1,570	68	81	4,263	454	84	84
New Jersey.....	221	753	-	48	454	602	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	2,103	545	66	95	1,974	199	87	81
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	4,098	2,868	67	81	6,691	1,255	85	84
Ohio.....	660	532	67	57	2,577	342	98	99
Indiana.....	298	241	100	95	2,479	907	95	67
Illinois.....	564	210	97	99	7,216	4,532	81	41
Michigan.....	1,653	891	71	66	1,234	395	100	100
Wisconsin.....	2,296	238	80	79	1,641	916	79	84
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	5,471	2,112	77	81	15,147	7,092	88	48
Minnesota.....	265	767	100	44	2,530	1,899	95	79
Iowa.....	725	816	98	99	9,263	3,647	89	84
Missouri.....	42	54	-	100	2,243	1,071	97	99
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr.,.....	639	707	100	99	6,570	2,218	98	99
Kansas.....	825	423	43	99	6,892	1,818	99	98
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	2,496	2,767	72	84	27,498	10,653	96	89
Del. Md. Va. & W. Va.,.....	76	369	-	100	1,151	63	93	99
NC., SC., Ga. & Fla.,.....	120	450	94	99	1,130	474	100	99
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	196	819	94	99	2,281	537	95	99
Kentucky & Tennessee.....	207	104	100	-	1,735	372	74	94
Alabama & Mississippi.....	49	19	-	-	138	37	52	64
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	256	123	100	-	1,873	409	71	91
Ark., La. & Oklahoma.....	124	641	32	-	1,072	406	100	98
Texas.....	312	71	100	-	2,453	1,039	100	100
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	436	712	95	-	3,525	1,445	100	99
Mont. Idaho, Wyo., Colo.,.....	173	294	96	96	1,491	481	91	98
Ariz., Utah & Nevada.....	104	333	-	80	546	226	96	98
MOUNTAIN.....	277	627	95	81	2,037	707	93	98
Washington & Oregon.....	1,513	3,398	55	68	1,040	569	92	70
California.....	885	493	36	71	2,863	538	98	89
PACIFIC.....	2,398	3,891	47	68	3,903	1,107	97	74
UNITED STATES 2/.....	16,120	15,129	70	74	65,123	23,981	93	77

1/ Space survey October 1, 1945.

2/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 3. — Public general warehouses in key cities.

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied

Cities 1/	Net piling		Space occupied							
	space 2/		Feb. 1, 1947		Mar. 1, 1947		Feb. 1, 1948		Mar. 1, 1948	
			Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
NEW ENGLAND										
Boston.....	1,414	2,793	48	87	44	75	39	87	38	78
MID. ATLANTIC										
New York.....	15,622	13,954	65	84	65	87	68	84	67	77
Buffalo.....	1,372	2,331	42	94	45	88	31	83	49	83
Rochester.....	5,939	1,466	49	90	48	81	51	89	46	84
Philadelphia.....	4,873	4,226	70	97	65	97	57	91	52	87
Pittsburg.....	2,311	2,070	69	86	65	84	74	94	76	92
E. N. CENTRAL										
Cleveland.....	4,239	3,443	72	82	73	79	58	95	49	91
Cincinnati.....	1,075	1,241	62	96	66	96	64	94	62	93
Chicago.....	16,798	15,223	59	87	58	83	69	85	62	82
Detroit.....	3,515	2,866	77	83	74	81	83	90	83	87
Milwaukee.....	1,173	976	65	91	72	89	78	88	78	90
W. N. CENTRAL										
Minneapolis.....	918	2,043	62	63	60	57	82	92	71	94
St. Louis.....	4,801	2,998	74	84	74	81	87	95	83	91
Kansas City.....	2,507	2,972	73	89	70	91	75	93	60	90
Omaha.....	725	2,831	85	97	84	96	60	94	58	93
SOUTH ATLANTIC										
Baltimore.....	538	624	63	89	60	87	81	93	81	93
Richmond.....	1,525	465	88	87	86	84	63	64	62	88
Norfolk.....	927	1,033	86	89	87	87	94	95	87	97
E. S. CENTRAL										
Nashville.....	1,217	1,742	74	74	72	74	78	88	72	88
Memphis.....	754	477	55	97	61	80	72	87	69	90
W. S. CENTRAL										
New Orleans.....	921	746	84	94	82	81	72	89	71	88
Dallas-Ft. Worth..	1,869	2,303	74	88	76	86	74	79	73	81
San Antonio.....	615	880	67	80	67	82	74	72	72	62
Houston.....	848	224	58	96	67	95	55	99	51	90
PACIFIC										
Seattle.....	1,070	2,093	59	83	59	81	70	74	73	67
Portland.....	711	4,205	19	54	19	49	51	66	39	59
Los Angeles.....	3,067	3,101	76	88	78	91	69	91	72	87
San Francisco.....	3,015	2,438	85	98	84	97	90	96	92	92
San Jose.....	2,272	1,218	31	87	35	72	55	79	57	82
Total.....	87,531	82,982	65	85	65	83	69	87	65	83

1/ Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25 mile radius of city named.

2/ Space survey October 1, 1945.

Table 4. — Apple houses

Regions	Net piling		Space occupied							
	space <u>1/</u>		Feb. 1, 1947		Mar. 1, 1947		Feb. 1, 1948		Mar. 1, 1948	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	5,437	56	48	-	26	-	-	-	18	-
Middle Atlantic...	19,021	1,046	57	88	47	84	63	73	50	61
East North Central	4,639	123	63	100	49	100	70	62	61	30
West North Central	1,240	72	62	71	50	33	77	88	66	100
South Atlantic....	16,134	336	46	89	38	88	62	69	43	60
East South Central	307	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West South Central	184	29	58	-	50	-	-	-	-	-
Mountain.....	564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific.....	47,083	1,822	56	74	40	70	57	70	47	64
U. S. Total <u>2/</u>	94,609	3,484	54	80	41	76	60	70	45	61

1/ Space survey October 1, 1945.2/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 5. — Apple and pear holdings by states

State	Apple holdings		Pear holdings	
	Mar. 1, 1947	Mar. 1, 1948	Mar. 1, 1947	Mar. 1, 1948
- Thousands of bushels -				
Vt., Mass., & Conn.....	467	854	-	4
New York.....	1,520	2,501	14	27
New Jersey.....	494	356	3	11
Pennsylvania.....	690	556	4	6
Ohio.....	240	308	4	10
Illinois.....	516	839	8	2
Michigan.....	314	565	1	1
Virginia.....	1,242	1,093	-	2
West Virginia.....	270	169	-	-
Missouri.....	211	395	-	1
Kansas.....	25	55	-	-
Washington.....	5,140	6,939	31	178
Oregon.....	295	460	421	662
California.....	897	865	58	114
Other States <u>1/</u>	623	703	17	11
U. S. Total.....	12,944	16,658	561	1,029

1/ Holdings for states having significant quantities of apples or pears are given above. Other holdings shown under, "Other States".

Table 6. — March holdings and changes during February 1948 1/

Cooler Commodities	Holdings	Net Change		Freezer Commodities	Holdings	Net Change	
	Mar. 1	during Feb.			Mar. 1	during Feb.	
	'000" lbs.	'000" lbs.	%		'000" lbs.	'000" lbs.	%
Apples.....	799,584	-293,472	-27	Fruits.....	316,001	-27,538	-8
Pears.....	51,450	-27,900	-35	Vegetables.....	227,892	-26,961	-11
Dried & ev. Fts..	67,147	-1,751	-3	Cream.....	7,903	-6,152	-44
Can'd. ft. & Veg.	2,487	-981	-28	Cream'y butter..	7,586	-5,813	-43
Nuts & Nutmeats..	82,496	1,672	2	Eggs.....	120,179	-2,259	-2
Fish*.....	13,600	-4,327	-24	Poultry.....	262,050	-31,590	-11
Cheese.....	111,629	-12,477	-10	Beef.....	156,303	-6,965	-4
Shell eggs.....	17,190	5,085	42	Pork.....	488,465	33,724	7
Dried eggs.....	28,431	-2,151	-7	Sausage.....	8,378	1,371	20
Beef.....	11,722	-1,120	-9	Lamb & Mutton...	16,823	-2,471	-13
Pork.....	212,066	7,498	4	Veal.....	13,795	-3,411	-20
Sausage.....	8,665	178	2	Edible Offal....	72,993	-1,268	-2
Canned meats.....	45,790	11,331	33	Lard & pork fat.	5,784	443	8
Lard & pork fat..	138,826	10,654	8	Fish*.....	71,400	-22,719	-24
Other.....	409,347	-122,283	-23	Other.....	36,826	243	1
Total.....	2,000,430	-430,044	-18	Total.....	1,812,378	-101,366	-5

1/ For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

* Estimated.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES, 1946-48

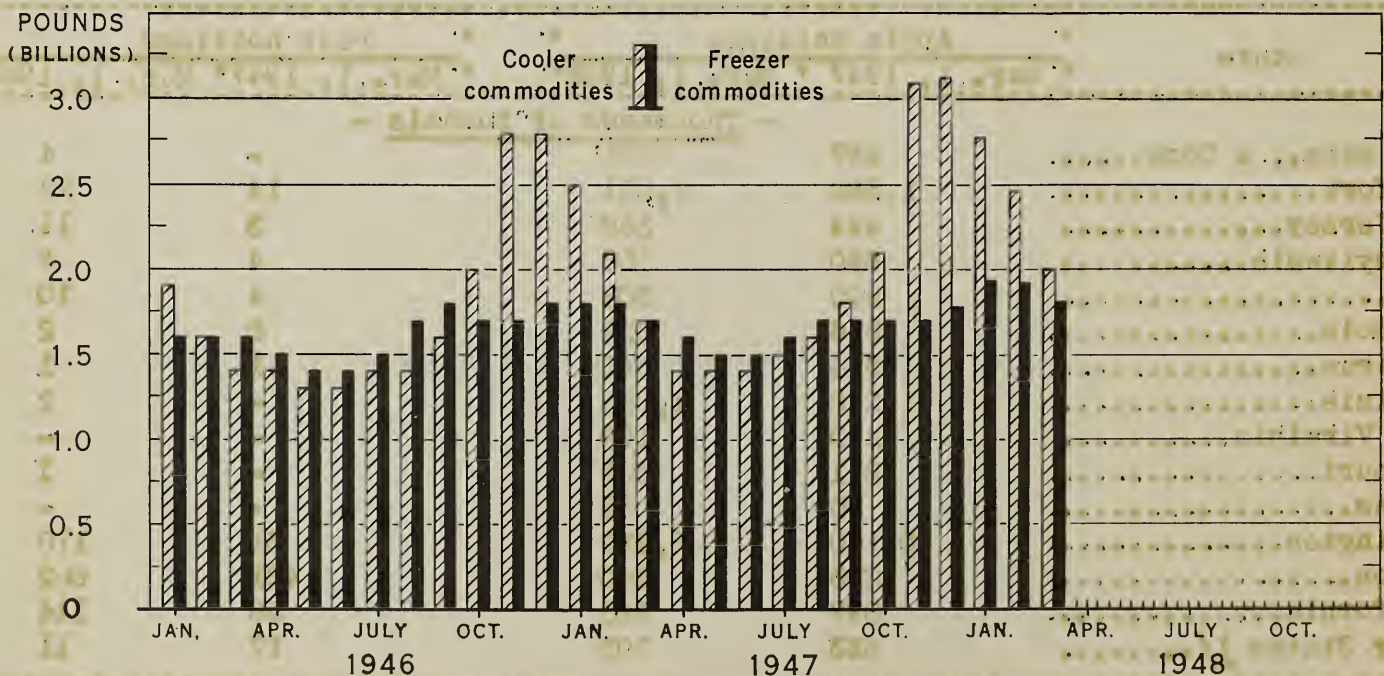


Table 7. — Fresh fruits and vegetables

 Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons

Fresh apples: Decreased by 6 million bushels; February 1947 decrease was 6 million bushels; average February decrease was 6 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decrease by .6 million bushels; February 1947 decrease was .5 million bushels; average February decrease was .4 million bushels.

Stocks of fruits and vegetables	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47	Mar. 1 1947	Feb. 1 1948	Mar. 1 1948
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- Thousands -

FRESH APPLES

Apples.....Western, standard boxes <u>2</u> /			12,294	8,527
Apples.....Western, other containers <u>3</u> /			910	563
Apples.....Eastern, bushel baskets			5,165	3,932
Apples.....Eastern, other containers <u>3</u> /			4,403	3,636
Total apples.....bushels	12,995	12,944	22,772	16,658

FRESH PEARS

Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes	8	1	13	4
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes	7	1	-	-
Pears, all other varieties...boxes	442	554	1,560	1,005
Pears.....bushel baskets	11	5	14	20
Total pears.....bushels	468	561	1,587	1,029

OTHER FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Other fresh fruits.....Pounds		8,147	16,678	12,063
Dried & evaporated fruits.... "	68,001	87,229	68,898	67,147
Canned fruits & vegetables... "		3,706	3,468	2,487
Potatoes.....Pounds		52,626	200,834	140,551
Onions..... "		50,348	58,751	34,447
Celery..... "		392	3,649	901
Other fresh vegetables..... "		29,513	31,165	20,717
Nutmeats, peanuts.....Pounds		{ 67,508 }	30,919	31,113
Nutmeats, other nuts..... "			19,901	19,927
Peanuts, in shell..... "		{ 22,165 }	817	978
Other nuts in shell..... "			29,187	30,478

1/ Other units were used for all data on apples gathered prior to July 1, 1947.

2/ Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

3/ Other containers reported in terms of bushels.

Table 8. — Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1/}

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons				
Frozen fruits: Decreased by 28 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 35 million pounds; average February decrease was 26 million pounds.				
Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 27 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 23 million pounds; average February decrease was 19 million pounds.				
Stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47	Mar. 1 1947	Feb. 1 1948	Mar. 1 1948

- Thousands of pounds -

FROZEN FRUITS

Apples.....	-	58,149	35,488	34,284
Apricots.....	-	25,577	17,055	16,094
Blackberries.....	9,677	15,127	16,268	15,471
Blueberries.....	-	13,540	11,210	10,296
Cherries.....	25,562	52,326	45,576	39,088
Grapes.....		10,666	19,325	17,791
Peaches.....		53,673	39,871	37,617
Plums and prunes.....		17,479	9,478	8,720
Raspberries.....	12,856	18,096	21,972	20,106
Strawberries.....	20,827	31,569	38,741	31,735
Young, Logan, Boysen etc.....	6,538	12,951	13,446	12,239
Fruit juices and purees.....		27,695	26,951	27,178
All other fruits.....	183,755	66,816	48,158	45,382
Total.....	259,215	403,664	343,539	316,001

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Asparagus.....	6,484	14,598	9,240	7,850
Beans, lima.....	11,297	18,745	30,696	27,450
Beans, snap.....	12,020	21,319	15,640	13,435
Broccoli.....	7,627	17,565	6,742	7,574
Brussels sprouts.....	-	7,275	6,055	6,380
Cauliflower.....	-	8,894	5,973	5,586
Corn, sweet.....	15,853	31,662	28,861	25,427
Peas, green.....	41,310	83,154	95,428	84,016
Pumpkin and squash.....		10,037	7,502	6,796
Spinach.....	12,888	23,164	13,370	11,963
All other vegetables.....	53,622	60,175	35,346	31,415
Total.....	161,101	296,588	254,853	227,892

^{1/} A report on package sizes for certain frozen fruits and vegetables will be issued March 19.

Table 9. — Dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons					
Cream: Decreased by 6 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 12 million pounds; average February decrease was 3 million pounds.					
Butter: Decreased by 5 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 8 million pounds; average February decrease was 11 million pounds.					
Cheese: Decreased by 12 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 17 million pounds; average February decrease was 11 million pounds.					
Shell eggs: Increased by .1 million cases; February 1947 change was a decrease of .1 million cases; average February increase was .7 million cases.					
Frozen eggs: Decreased by 2 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 7 million pounds; average February decrease was 1 million pounds.					
Frozen poultry: Decreased by 32 million pounds; February 1947 decrease was 33 million pounds; average February decrease was 27 million pounds.					

Stocks of dairy and poultry products	Unit	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47	Mar. 1, 1947	Feb. 1, 1948	Mar. 1, 1948

CREAM & MILK					
Thousands					
Fluid cream.....	lb. (13,640	13,659	10,919	6,114
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat).....	lb. (6,235	3,136	1,789
Cond. or evaporated milk.....	lb.		43,172	36,178	25,665
BUTTER					
Creamery.....	lb.	36,080	9,988	13,399	7,586
CHEESE					
American.....	lb.	99,257	74,795	107,236	95,100
Swiss including block.....	lb.	1,156	1,328	2,152	2,141
All other varieties <u>1/</u>	lb.	15,950	21,930	14,718	14,388
Total cheese.....	lb.	116,363	98,053	124,106	111,629
EGGS					
Shell.....	case	1,056	221	269	382
Frozen eggs, total <u>2/</u>	lb.	86,414	73,564	122,438	120,179
Whites.....	lb.	15,451	21,004	12,969	12,582
Yolks.....	lb.	11,178	15,668	16,514	16,599
Mixed.....	lb.	44,219	31,710	85,644	85,199
Unclassified.....	lb.	15,566	5,182	7,311	5,799
Dried eggs, total.....	lb.	-	14,263	30,582	28,431
Total eggs <u>2/</u>	case	3,360	3,609	6,592	6,430
FROZEN POULTRY					
Broilers.....	lb.	8,390	7,830	7,391	6,331
Fryers.....	lb.	15,279	14,828	16,847	17,694
Roasters.....	lb.	31,941	28,083	28,252	24,215
Fowls.....	lb.	50,496	54,168	97,391	87,980
Turkeys.....	lb.	80,107	126,163	82,912	69,500
Ducks.....	lb.	1,757	2,672	6,616	5,123
Miscellaneous.....	lb.	17,117	16,013	20,563	17,247
Unclassified poultry.....	lb.	24,323	34,068	33,663	33,960
Total poultry.....	lb.	229,410	283,825	293,640	262,050

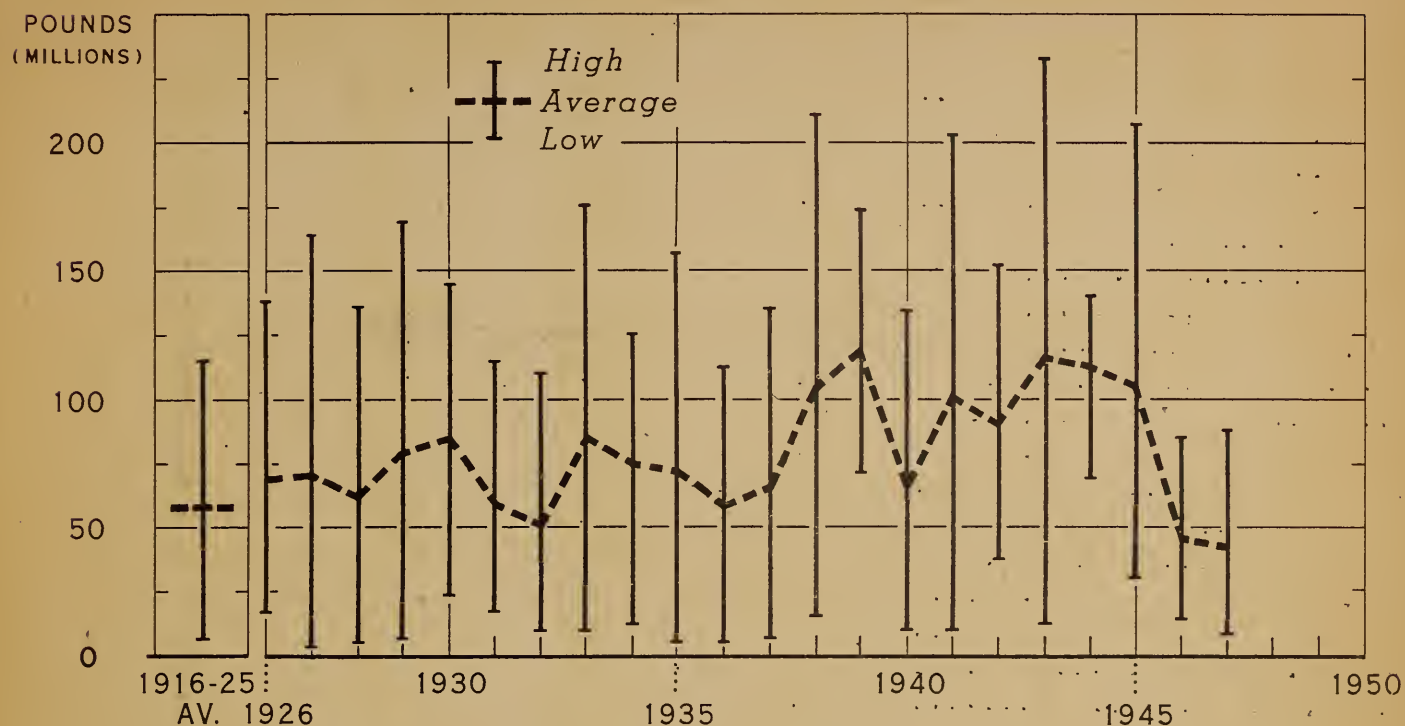
1/ Includes Brick and Munster Cheese.

2/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10 pounds to the case. Dried eggs are not included in 5-yr. average for total eggs.

Table 10. — Dairy and poultry holdings by states March 1, 1948

States	Cream		'Creamery	'American	Shell	'Frozen	'Total
	'Fluid	'Plastic	butter	'cheese	'eggs	'eggs	'Poultry
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	case	lb.	lb.
- Thousands -							
Massachusetts.....	220	86	110	1,206	3	1,312	12,431
Other States.....			154	97	5	830	2,028
NEW ENGLAND.....			264	1,303	8	2,142	14,459
New York.....	2,460	189	860	5,774	17	22,561	37,585
New Jersey.....	262		284	3,023	50	4,610	8,965
Pennsylvania.....	399	109	433	2,694	9	3,026	7,556
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....			1,577	11,491	76	30,197	54,106
Ohio.....	122	97	978	342	4	3,095	11,029
Indiana.....	5		284	331	1	2,315	1,163
Illinois.....	245	37	478	6,527	82	25,194	54,554
Michigan.....	313		122	377	2	1,168	6,267
Wisconsin.....	375	16	39	57,233	-	928	1,789
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....			1,901	64,810	89	32,700	74,802
Minnesota.....	230		85	298	5	8,331	9,963
Iowa.....	58		34	50	11	5,825	8,754
Missouri.....	21	259	226	3,018	9	11,611	17,178
Dakotas.....			264	20	-	238	147
Nebraska.....			123	60	13	9,124	24,012
Kansas.....			218	211	11	6,482	3,734
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....			950	3,657	49	41,611	63,788
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....			500	2,731	39	2,880	6,966
Kentucky.....			392	43	1	634	857
Tennessee.....			234	1,076	2	818	616
Ala. and Mississippi.....			1	139	1	271	296
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....			627	1,258	4	1,753	1,769
Arkansas & Louisiana.....			405	37	1	467	1,227
Oklahoma.....			21	17	1	798	748
Texas.....	158	344	516	3,698	4	3,886	2,133
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....			942	3,752	6	5,151	4,108
Colorado.....			51	74	4	402	1,645
Other States.....			81	1,788	8	467	3,485
MOUNTAIN.....			132	1,862	12	869	5,130
Washington.....			66	90	38	653	6,644
Oregon.....			15	1,500	11	460	7,119
California.....	265	208	612	2,646	50	1,763	23,159
PACIFIC.....			693	4,236	99	2,876	36,922
Other States, cream only.....	981	444					
UNITED STATES.....	6,114	1,789	7,586	95,100	382	120,179	262,050

CREAMERY BUTTER: AVERAGE FIRST-OF-THE-MONTH STOCKS AND YEARLY HIGH AND LOW, 1916-47



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NEG. 3191 PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

Stocks of Creamery Butter

Year : Jan. 1 : Feb. 1 : Mar. 1 : Apr. 1 : May 1 : June 1 : July 1 : Aug. 1 : Sept. 1 : Oct. 1 : Nov. 1 : Dec. 1 :

--Thousands of pounds--

1916-25 av.:	47,339:	31,702:	19,478:	9,663:	5,888:	15,236:	62,571:	103,579:	115,220:	108,334:	92,675:	70,573
1926.....:	52,785:	39,381:	26,313:	17,392:	17,527:	30,561:	86,897:	131,152:	138,151:	125,342:	100,871:	64,381
1927.....:	34,347:	17,952:	7,952:	3,044:	3,436:	25,404:	89,996:	145,147:	163,701:	147,396:	118,679:	83,22
1928.....:	46,289:	28,273:	14,404:	5,716:	5,109:	15,952:	69,750:	120,437:	136,175:	128,071:	105,811:	70,985
1929.....:	43,783:	24,747:	11,910:	5,532:	5,883:	28,369:	91,962:	151,621:	168,952:	158,541:	138,405:	111,650
1930.....:	81,935:	60,230:	46,530:	30,556:	22,957:	50,378:	106,522:	145,061:	143,089:	131,489:	109,646:	88,012
1931.....:	63,401:	46,792:	30,672:	18,010:	17,195:	35,155:	89,172:	115,121:	104,678:	80,152:	56,229:	42,242
1932.....:	26,643:	22,506:	15,243:	9,094:	10,394:	29,160:	84,269:	110,247:	107,259:	89,490:	66,828:	37,207
1933.....:	22,043:	17,833:	11,580:	9,255:	9,398:	35,159:	106,378:	150,934:	175,476:	174,713:	160,463:	138,166
1934.....:	111,249:	75,995:	36,853:	15,351:	11,838:	27,161:	70,148:	108,748:	120,467:	125,047:	111,073:	81,034
1935.....:	47,175:	18,907:	8,110:	5,341:	5,676:	33,096:	96,392:	149,628:	156,855:	148,822:	120,210:	71,948
1936.....:	40,117:	21,502:	8,217:	5,346:	4,997:	21,157:	73,816:	103,259:	112,106:	108,835:	105,368:	88,866
1937.....:	61,234:	42,734:	20,678:	6,700:	6,406:	22,904:	83,119:	123,863:	134,885:	118,697:	98,624:	66,191
1938.....:	42,953:	31,211:	21,167:	14,947:	20,144:	55,266:	121,467:	173,257:	201,252:	210,703:	195,263:	160,632
1939.....:	128,770:	111,354:	92,780:	78,909:	70,909:	84,437:	131,609:	165,183:	172,825:	154,594:	128,111:	89,783
1940.....:	55,462:	29,189:	18,366:	8,875:	9,504:	25,463:	81,005:	123,628:	134,266:	128,087:	105,106:	67,598
1941.....:	41,497:	29,715:	16,462:	8,983:	17,795:	56,792:	120,246:	178,493:	200,228:	202,957:	186,635:	152,484
1942.....:	114,436:	83,106:	63,701:	45,045:	37,228:	64,720:	117,111:	148,504:	152,198:	123,599:	86,981:	45,937
1943.....:	24,979:	15,607:	12,327:	16,676:	30,190:	82,761:	157,540:	210,546:	231,543:	232,497:	211,229:	178,750
1944.....:	154,577:	130,246:	107,560:	82,118:	69,276:	69,663:	103,164:	138,050:	137,907:	140,276:	123,596:	90,303
1945.....:	60,767:	38,926:	31,062:	29,833:	45,139:	70,375:	131,669:	184,759:	206,501:	189,888:	164,646:	108,501
1946.....:	53,127:	32,135:	19,462:	14,925:	14,052:	26,856:	49,649:	69,510:	84,980:	73,931:	59,586:	41,477
1947.....:	27,874:	18,224:	9,988:	7,818:	9,194:	17,445:	51,625:	83,286:	88,364:	76,912:	72,125:	46,002

Table 11. — Fishery products 1/

Species	'Mar. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1943-47	Mar. 1 1947	'Feb. 1 1948	'Mar. 1 1948
- Thousands of pounds -				
<u>Salt-water fish: frozen</u>				
Bait and animal food.....	1,635	1,695	2,635	3,161
Bluefish.....	89	92	177	156
Butterfish.....	384	317	345	191
Cod, had'k, hake, pollock, whole.....	1,400	1,168	885	1,081
Croakers.....	389	140	219	122
Eels.....	209	234	403	258
Filletts (miscellaneous).....	10,514	26,924	19,809	14,689
Flounders (inc. filletts).....	1,199	1,674	1,303	723
Halibut.....	4,161	6,490	11,221	8,389
Herring, sea.....	1,214	1,290	1,372	1,048
Mackerel (Boston) (inc. filletts).....	3,227	867	7,418	5,235
Mullet.....	1,672	1,500	433	240
Sablefish (black cod).....	2,513	5,082	2,182	1,865
Salmon (all species).....	7,075	12,376	11,209	9,306
Scup (porgies).....	665	399	144	117
Sea trout (weakfish, gray and spotted..	524	450	398	236
Shad and shad roe.....	447	316	483	427
Smelts (sea).....	1,280	1,000	761	1,493
Swordfish.....	503	557	742	803
Whiting (inc. filletts).....	5,686	4,700	10,466	7,089
Miscellaneous salt-water fish.....	10,562	10,062	8,423	7,420
<u>Fresh-water fish: frozen</u>				
Bait and animal food.....	927	1,721	1,559	1,379
Blue pike and sauger (inc. filletts)....	916	343	572	534
Catfish and bullheads.....	187	232	176	131
Chubs.....	365	407	315	134
Lake herring and cisco (inc. filletts)..	2,224	2,103	1,718	1,068
Lake trout.....	387	313	433	337
Pickrel, jacks or yellow jacks.....	442	85	67	96
Sturgeon and spoonbill cat.....	215	403	312	178
Suckers.....	34	13	20	31
Tullibee.....	346	312	132	127
Yellow perch (inc. filletts).....	294	625	221	115
Yellow pike (or wall-eye)(inc. filletts)	223	150	313	294
Whitefish.....	1,444	1,569	1,648	1,649
Miscellaneous fresh-water fish.....	1,299	814	1,320	1,464
<u>Shellfish: Frozen</u>				
Lobster tails (spiny lobster).....	363	958	791	1,089
Scallops.....	545	1,125	1,607	1,167
Shrimp.....	7,094	7,282	16,192	14,058
Squid.....	702	431	1,645	1,305
Miscellaneous shellfish.....	1,188	1,720	1,977	1,720
Frozen fish, total.....	74,543	97,939	112,046	90,925
Cured fish, total.....	15,365	21,831	20,130	14,546
Total, all fish.....	89,908	119,770	132,176	105,471

1/ Data furnished by the Department of the Interior-Fish and Wildlife Service, which publishes a report giving detailed information, species and geographical sections.

Table 12. — Meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons

Beef: Decreased by 8 million pounds; February 1947 change was an increase of 5 million pounds; average February increase was 7 million pounds.

Pork: Increased by 42 million pounds; February 1947 change was a decrease of .2 million pounds; average February increase was 34 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 5 million pounds; February 1947 increase was 1 million pounds; average February change was a decrease of .6 million pounds.

Lard: Increased by 11 million pounds; February 1947 change was a decrease of 5 million pounds; average February increase was 21 million pounds.

Stocks of meats and meat products	Mar. 1, 5-yr.	Mar. 1	Feb. 1	Mar. 1
	av. 1943-47	1947	1948	1948

- Thousands of pounds -

BEEF

Frozen.....	162,206	174,211	160,815	154,792
In cure, cured and smoked.....	9,581	10,690	15,295	13,233
Total beef.....	171,787	184,901	176,110	168,025

PORK

Frozen.....	243,947	196,991	408,707	440,060
Dry salt in cure and cured.....	100,109	47,333	44,761	57,974
Other in cure, cured & smoked.....	178,255	154,993	205,841	202,497
Total pork.....	522,311	399,317	659,309	700,531

OTHER MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS

Sausage and sausage room products....		20,594	15,494	17,043
Frozen lamb and mutton.....	20,456	16,554	19,294	16,823
Frozen veal.....		10,919	17,206	13,795
Canned meats & meat products.....		36,222	34,459	45,790
All edible offal 1/.....	76,308	67,758	74,261	72,993
Total other meats & meat products..			160,714	166,444
Total all meats 1/.....	790,862	736,265	996,133	1,035,000

LARD AND RENDERED PORK FAT

Lard.....	(151,252)	114,797	129,390	140,157
Rendered pork fat.....	()	2,760	4,123	4,453
Total.....		117,557	133,513	144,610

HIDES & PELTS.....		68,506	66,661	62,343
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1/ Current figures not entirely comparable with 5-yr. av..

Table 13. — Cold storage holdings March 1, 1948 by geographic regions

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
FROZEN FRUITS											
- Thousands -											
Apples.....	Pounds	1,409	11,905	7,976	4,293	2,759	218	712	1,227	3,785	34,284
Apricots.....	"	82	2,558	4,075	1,337	330	32	614	352	6,714	16,094
Blackberries.....	"	320	2,680	3,054	744	591	941	788	237	6,116	15,471
Blueberries.....	"	1,347	3,915	3,255	591	374	21	229	99	465	10,296
Cherries.....	"	613	10,024	15,830	3,678	1,155	759	611	1,694	4,724	39,088
Grapes.....	"	6	5,422	9,705	475	223	25	96	42	1,797	17,791
Peaches.....	"	1,303	8,146	7,645	3,546	4,789	1,093	1,192	915	8,988	37,617
Plums and prunes.....	"	277	2,750	2,125	703	100	217	224	241	2,083	8,720
Raspberries.....	"	1,554	4,980	6,517	1,827	414	137	140	301	4,236	20,106
Strawberries.....	"	2,331	8,296	5,828	3,007	1,811	2,182	1,247	542	6,491	31,735
Young, Logan, Boysen, etc.....	"	174	1,610	2,580	825	48	275	300	195	6,232	12,239
Fruit juices and purees.....	"	876	11,669	4,674	1,058	1,794	48	747	289	6,023	27,178
All other fruits.....	"	4,440	13,664	10,482	2,529	1,770	437	2,011	677	9,372	45,382
FROZEN VEGETABLES											
Asparagus.....	Pounds	295	3,162	1,404	606	504	71	195	207	1,406	7,850
Beans, lima.....	"	820	9,222	4,633	1,784	3,583	528	775	330	5,775	27,450
Beans, snap.....	"	411	5,777	1,917	497	791	122	282	137	3,501	13,435
Broccoli.....	"	240	2,832	1,265	227	333	80	314	163	2,120	7,574
Brussels sprouts.....	"	144	1,827	717	344	259	63	196	81	2,749	6,380
Cauliflower.....	"	208	1,748	915	259	407	62	219	78	1,690	5,586
Corn, sweet.....	"	925	8,973	3,580	1,188	1,669	308	359	853	7,572	25,427
Peas, green.....	"	2,431	24,213	11,508	3,933	3,640	663	1,152	2,943	32,533	84,016
Pumpkin and squash.....	"	334	2,185	1,527	869	306	16	37	79	1,443	6,796
Spinach.....	"	393	4,844	1,743	447	346	211	771	258	2,950	11,963
All other vegetables.....	"	845	11,718	5,214	3,255	1,683	824	602	611	6,663	31,415
FRUITS & VEGETABLES											
Fresh apples.....	Bushels	959	3,414	1,918	537	1,311	112	96	47	8,264	16,658
Fresh pears.....	"	4	44	19	1	2	1	4	-	954	1,029
Other fresh fruits.....	Pounds	381	2,825	684	378	347	333	416	127	6,572	12,063
Dried & evaporated fruits.....	"	1,028	48,507	6,404	2,375	2,779	1,100	1,069	292	3,593	67,147
Canned fruits & vegetables.....	"	22	1,159	413	808	8	-	-	45	32	2,487
Potatoes.....	"	305	29,897	10,111	24,529	22,924	1,796	3,727	1,931	45,331	140,551
Onions.....	"	72	19,507	7,597	655	755	85	653	25	5,098	34,447
Celery.....	"	39	333	146	221	115	12	22	-	13	901
Other fresh vegetables.....	"	827	8,443	7,083	531	527	399	511	162	2,234	20,717
Peanut meats.....	"	544	5,139	19,920	325	3,110	299	583	132	1,061	31,113
Other nutmeats.....	"	826	9,329	3,936	1,338	673	268	1,438	59	2,060	19,927
Peanuts in shell.....	"	-	55	63	225	13	18	-	-	604	978
Other nuts in shell.....	"	34	3,208	3,980	4,938	4,440	1,080	11,704	152	942	30,478

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Cold storage holdings March 1, 1948 by geographic regions (con'd.)

Commodity	Unit	New	Middle	East	West	South	East	South	West	Mountain	Pacific	Total
			Atlantic	North	North	Atlantic	Central	Central	Central			
- Thousands -												
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS												
Cream (not including plastic)	Pounds	309	3,121	1,060	319	593	187	198	2	325	6,114	
Cream, plastic	"	161	298	150	270	183	109	351	52	215	1,789	
Butter, creamery	"	264	1,577	1,901	950	500	627	942	132	693	7,586	
Condensed milk	"	1,673	5,663	9,725	3,685	1,840	360	2,041	209	469	25,665	
Cheese, American cheddar	"	1,303	11,491	64,810	3,657	2,731	1,258	3,752	1,862	4,236	95,100	
Cheese, Swiss, incl. block	"	-	391	1,423	18	34	6	87	57	125	2,141	
Cheese, all other varieties	"	192	5,380	4,519	971	413	330	1,184	271	1,128	14,388	
Eggs, shell	Cases	8	76	89	49	39	4	6	12	99	382	
Eggs, frozen (Total)	Pounds	2,142	30,197	32,700	41,611	2,880	1,753	5,151	869	2,876	120,179	
Eggs, dried (Total)	"	-	1,124	13,295	9,395	-	-	4,555	7	55	28,431	
FROZEN POULTRY												
Broilers	Pounds	326	754	1,790	2,392	293	20	197	50	509	6,331	
Fryers	"	269	1,256	3,850	7,238	2,507	218	451	321	1,584	17,694	
Roasters	"	2,051	4,210	6,391	7,680	193	23	114	68	3,485	24,215	
Fowls	"	6,285	17,095	24,490	30,776	871	339	1,506	467	6,151	87,980	
Turkeys	"	4,139	17,308	12,409	7,502	1,765	315	1,262	2,694	22,106	69,500	
Ducks	"	263	2,629	1,411	125	200	22	58	19	396	5,123	
Miscellaneous	"	1,068	4,997	7,674	1,834	93	142	299	178	962	17,247	
Unclassified	"	58	5,857	16,787	6,241	1,044	690	221	1,333	1,729	33,960	
MEATS & LARD												
Beef, frozen	Pounds	6,164	23,961	35,462	40,383	8,150	4,524	11,430	1,570	23,148	154,792	
Veal, frozen	"	525	1,300	2,398	2,266	1,463	772	3,646	250	1,175	13,795	
Pork, frozen	"	16,504	44,323	129,354	168,707	24,595	11,397	15,286	6,195	23,699	440,060	
Lamb & Mutton, frozen	"	922	4,236	4,978	3,244	434	336	1,001	325	1,347	16,823	
Beef, in cure cured & smoked	"	443	1,232	5,996	4,133	236	14	452	115	611	13,233	
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured	"	486	1,762	16,699	28,618	5,456	653	2,071	711	1,518	57,974	
All other pork, in cure	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
cured and smoked	"	6,794	13,080	59,580	87,447	7,299	2,209	7,681	2,957	15,450	202,497	
All edible offal	"	2,936	9,001	25,112	25,086	3,010	2,045	2,075	1,508	2,220	72,993	
Lard	"	1,294	7,973	64,978	52,349	3,364	2,966	1,937	990	4,306	140,157	
Rendered pork fat	"	22	77	949	3,027	53	8	142	-	175	4,453	
Sausage room products	"	497	5,047	4,794	1,827	1,667	561	526	254	1,870	17,043	
Canned meats and meat products	"	174	4,917	12,151	23,253	864	137	1,438	626	2,230	45,790	
Hides and pelts	"	-	3,650	17,613	32,740	2,064	282	2,524	1,218	2,252	62,343	
Fish	"	16,147	19,077	18,645	6,654	3,435	5,000	3,306	401	18,260*	90,925	

* Includes fish in Alaska.

Table 14. — Commodities held by the Government, March 1, 1948 by geographic regions 1/

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
FRUITS & VEGETABLES										
Apples and pears.....	Bushels	-	-	-	.8	-	-	-	-	8
Potatoes.....	Pounds	-	13,106	1,600	19,441	18,878	-	-	-	53,025
Other fresh fruits & vegetables...	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frozen fruits.....	"	-	-	-	1,865	12	-	-	-	1,877
Frozen vegetables.....	"	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	18
Dried fruits.....	"	-	565	-	297	-	-	2	-	864
DAIRY & POULTRY										
Butter, creamery.....	Pounds	44	7	1	-	12	-	102	33	202
American cheese.....	"	26	148	39	4	-	-	3	-	220
Shell eggs.....	Cases	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Frozen eggs.....	Pounds	-	17,922	13,895	24,267	34	-	834	-	56,952
Dried eggs.....	"	-	787	12,840	9,089	-	-	2,838	-	25,554
Poultry.....	"	106	128	221	660	285	-	126	77	5,629
MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS										
Beef.....	Pounds	290	941	220	1,158	568	370	452	57	8,726
Pork.....	"	305	1,023	544	5,224	237	574	877	243	6,626
Sausage and lunch meat.....	"	79	208	96	7	31	-	132	-	72
Lamb & mutton.....	"	23	209	61	-	100	47	84	-	522
Veal.....	"	-	-	-	-	-	126	123	-	100
Edible offal.....	"	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Lard and rendered pork fat.....	"	5	2,551	3	954	-	-	-	-	3,513
FISH										
FISH.....	Pounds	4	25	39	393	116	-	29	-	35

1/ No estimates are included in the above figures. An endeavor is made to obtain figures from all concerns. However, late reports of some concerns may cause significant revisions of some items in some regions.

Table 15. — Commodities held by the Government 1/

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47	Mar. 1 1947	Feb. 1 1948	Mar. 1 1948 <u>2/</u>
- <u>Thousands</u> -					
FRUITS & VEGETABLES					
Apples and pears.....	bu.		24	68	8
Potatoes.....	lb.		7,150	105,353	53,025
Other fresh fruits & vegetables....	lb.		2,121	5	-
Frozen fruits.....	lb.		397	2,280	1,877
Frozen vegetables.....	lb.		2,150	413	18
Dried fruits.....	lb.		101	471	864
Total.....	lb.		13,071	111,786	56,168
DAIRY & POULTRY					
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	20,421	2,562	812	202
American cheese.....	lb.	30,612	2,533	437	220
Shell eggs.....	case	120	40	15	10
Frozen eggs.....	lb.	17,197	2,686	58,914	56,952
Dried eggs.....	lb.		10,134	27,897	25,554
Poultry.....	lb.		12,771	8,046	7,232
Total.....	lb.	73,630	32,486	96,781	90,610
MEATS & MEAT PRODUCTS					
Beef.....	lb.		30,863	9,588	12,782
Pork.....	lb.	30,912	16,285	14,459	15,653
Sausage & lunch meat.....	lb.		6,493	2,356	625
Lamb & mutton.....	lb.		1,800	2,509	1,046
Veal.....	lb.		1,186	1,222	349
Edible Offal.....	lb.		414	29	3
Lard & rendered pork fat.....	lb.	51,170	807	3,352	3,513
Total.....	lb.	82,082	57,848	33,515	33,971
FISH.....	lb.		403	612	641
TOTAL WEIGHT.....	lb.	155,712	103,808	242,694	181,390

1/ Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed services and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the armed services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available. Current figures not entirely comparable with 5 year average.

2/ Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

